

# SUPPLEMENT TO THE HERALD.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1866.

The message of the Governor. It has been considered since time immemorial, a breach of official etiquette on the part of a legislative body to do so. In violation of this rule Congress, under the lead of Stevens, adopted a resolution appointing a reconstruction committee, which should sit in judgment and decide the most vital measures of the session, before they had appointed a committee to notify the President that they had organized. History does not furnish its parallel, nor give an instance of an equal insult to the Executive. Having concocted and adopted this baseless insult to the President, they then appealed to him for harmony, like a man who had destroyed his house and then appealed to his friends to save it from destruction.

In this condition they drifted along for a few days, when they called upon the President for his opinion of the condition of the Southern States. Having, in reply to this resolution, furnished the information asked for, they at once charged him with whitewashing statements, as if anxious to add insult to injury. From this they have gone on step by step, increasing in their venom, up to their insults, passing resolution after resolution, with no other apparent object than opposition to the President, denouncing him in their speeches day after day, as if determined to drive Mr. Johnson over to the democracy. They went so far that they made it impossible for the President to be in harmony with them. If they had announced as the fact that it was their intention to turn the President out of their party and force him to rely upon the supporters of his party, they could not have adopted a more direct mode of accomplish-

ment to their ends.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I make an appeal to the conservative men of the nation. You see the posture of public affairs; you see the condition of the country; you see along the line of battle the various points of conflict; you see the struggle which the Union men have to maintain in many of the States. You ought to know and feel what the people of the South are doing, and what is being done for the preservation of this union of States. Will you sit with stale indifference and see those who are willing to stand by the Constitution and uphold the pillars of the government driven away by the raging surges that are overwhelming us? As far as men who desire the preservation of this great, this good, this unparalleled government, I ask you to save the country; or let the propositions be submitted to the people, that the heart of this nation may be given to them. Let me say, when the people in the intelligence, the patriotism, and the integrity of the greatest men of the people, and I say in my own heart that if this subject could be got before the people, it would settle the question, and the union of these States would be preserved." (Applause in the galleries.)

**South Carolina and Massachusetts.**

Still another extract from Mr. Johnson's speech in the United States Senate, on February 3, 1861:

"The early history of the State of South Carolina were,

"I do not intend to be invidious, but I have sometimes thought that it would be a comfort if Massachusetts and South Carolina could be chained together as the Siamese twins, separated from the rest of the Union, and fastened to each other by a single chain, and anchored to the bottom of the ocean." It is a remarkable declaration to have come from him when considered in connection with the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Harlan's appointment, and it is more remarkable that with such views he should vote every act of Congress, after its approval by the President, and that veto is. But I think it is a perfectly safe place for the lodgment of the power, as it is beyond the reach of the people, which will at once show to every reflecting and intelligent mind the extent of the opposition in the South to the exercise of the powers, and the exercise by that department of the government immediately responsible to the people."

**The CHAMBER AND SENATEARY HARLAN'S VIEW.**

A general of Pennsylvania, residing in Washington, has favored us with the following extract from an official letter written by the Hon. James Harlan, Secretary of the Interior, who must now realize, if he did not at the time writing, that in not accepting the chairmanship of the President, "It is a remarkable declaration to have come from him when considered in connection with the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Harlan's appointment, and it is more remarkable that with such views he should vote every act of Congress, after its approval by the President, and that veto is. But I think it is a perfectly safe place for the lodgment of the power, as it is beyond the reach of the people, which will at once show to every reflecting and intelligent mind the extent of the opposition in the South to the exercise of the powers, and the exercise by that department of the government immediately responsible to the people."

**How the Oriental Telegraph Lines Are Managed.**

**A WESTERN ROUTE TO THE EAST.**

**Importance of the Speedy Completion**

**of the Pacific Railroad.**

**THE WAR IN NEW ZEALAND.**

**THE MAORIES AS BELLIGERENTS.**

**A SINGHALESE CHRISTMAS.**

**Our Point de Galle Correspondence.**

**FORT DE GALLE, Island of Ceylon, Dec. 23, 1865.**

**Proposals of Improvements in Galle Harbor—A New Hotel—The Present Hotel System of Galle—Arrival of a French Transport—French Troops for Ceylon—Chains—Opening of the First Railway in Ceylon—Telegraphs in the East—Some Idea How They Are Managed.**

Upon my return here several days since I found that somebody, certainly not a resident of Galle, has started a project, which, if completed, will make this port to shipping what it really is by position—one of the most important points in the East. The enterprise is not less than a breakwater, a graving dock, wharves and store-houses, connected at the two extremes by a transway. It is extremely doubtful whether the present generation will ever reap the benefit of more than the breakwater. This would alone be a great advantage, and, necessary as the other improvements are, the breakwater would protect vessels anchored inside. For six months in the year—from about March to September—the southwest monsoon of the Indian Ocean blows directly into the harbor, causing a heavy swell, and tossing vessels about in such a manner that it is uncomfortable to be on them and extremely difficult to load and unload cargoes, or take on coal and the like. At this season the harbor is quiet, being moved only by the swell of the tide. If the graving dock project, which is very doubtful for some time to come, were carried out, the convenience of shipping would be greatly benefited. At present if a vessel, large or small, is out of repair or damaged by heavy weather, she is obliged to make for Bombay, about a thousand miles off. It is a matter of surprise that something has not been done before. No less than sixteen steamers of the different lines arrive and depart from this port each month, besides nearly all war steamers in these waters touch here for coal and supplies. All action thus far taken in the improvement scheme is the forwarding of a detail of estimates of expense to the home government for assent, so far as to recommend their adoption to the colonial authorities, and to gain their interest in the outlet. The cost is set down at \$2,800,000 (\$500,000). Any person with the least glimmer of foresight must see, from the convenient position of Galle in the path of commerce, that the enlarged trade and business of the place, and the increased exports from harbor dues, would pay a handsome dividend.

There is every prospect, now, of the meeting of a war which hitherto has been most safely left by travellers to the imagination of the day or to the speculative hotel-keepers, who, by name, are mentioned. The present Galle hotels are celebrated for their dark and fusty rooms, hard and offensive beds, which from their odor have not seen sunlight for a twelvemonth; furniture ticky-tacky and broken, with their legs, requiring constant repairs in fitting the arms, and with a pair of legs, the other end, standing against the wall. As for eating, curry and rice is all a singhalese cook can prepare. For all this accommodation the proprietors have no regard for the comfort of their guests, and which will be opened by June, 1866, is an enterprise of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company, and will be called the Oriental Hotel. The building is large and comfortable, with spacious rooms for ladies and gentlemen, and will have eleven rooms of accommodation and a hundred guests. The front of the building faces the bay. Under the extension on the side will stores. There is a great panic among the hotel-keeping fraternity, insomuch as owners have sold out, engaged, or given up, and written to me, and all persons of color who own real estate valued at not less than two hundred and fifty dollars and pay taxes thereon, would completely disarm the adversary and set an example to the other States will follow. The year can be said to have begun with the loss of Fort Galle, and the arrival of the French troops, who have been sent to the assistance of the Emperor, and who are now quartered in the city. The French, who are said to be the best troops in the world, are now quartered in the city, and will be a great convenience to the port. This will be the minimum tonnage of twelve hundred and fifty tons and two hundred and fifty horse-power; these are for the long sea service between Panama and Wellington, and when they will arrive in Ceylon, after a few hours, no traveller has ever left wishing any of the proprietors a prosperous journey through life and a celestial termination.

At present there are two coal ships here discharging coal for the steamship companies. One is an American vessel, the English flag, the Anne Boyington, Captain Peterson, from Boston.

This week a French transport arrived here from Suez, having on board twelve hundred French soldiers. They are, I understand, the third transports having on board French troops, and will be followed by a fourth, and which will be opened by June, 1866, is an enterprise of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company, and will be called the Oriental Hotel. The building is large and comfortable, with spacious rooms for ladies and gentlemen, and will have eleven rooms of accommodation and a hundred guests. The front of the building faces the bay. Under the extension on the side will stores. There is a great panic among the hotel-keeping fraternity, insomuch as owners have sold out, engaged, or given up, and written to me, and all persons of color who own real estate valued at not less than two hundred and fifty dollars and pay taxes thereon, would completely disarm the adversary and set an example to the other States will follow. The year can be said to have begun with the loss of Fort Galle, and the arrival of the French troops, who have been sent to the assistance of the Emperor, and who are now quartered in the city. The French, who are said to be the best troops in the world, are now quartered in the city, and will be a great convenience to the port. This will be the minimum tonnage of twelve hundred and fifty tons and two hundred and fifty horse-power; these are for the long sea service between Panama and Wellington, and when they will arrive in Ceylon, after a few hours, no traveller has ever left wishing any of the proprietors a prosperous journey through life and a celestial termination.

The following is a full copy of the letter or telegram alluded to, which is now being referred to prove that the President was in favor of universal negro suffrage.

It speaks for itself without any further comment.

**EXECUTIVE MANHATTAN.**

**WASHINGTON, D. C., AUGUST 15, 1865.**

**To the President of the United States.**

**Andrew Johnson's Past Record.**

The speech of the President to the people in Washington, February 5, 1861, in reply to Senator Lane, of Oregon:

"Sir—Your Excellency—I have an abiding confidence in the people, and if it were so arranged to day that the great mass of the American people could be assembled in an amphitheatre capacious enough to contain them all, and the propositions which have been presented here to prove that it is referring to the facts connected with his career in Tennessee. He once fought the Legislature of that State for the freedom of his slaves, and it was in a political fight. He never shows his true moral soul but gets on his hands. Horace Maynard referred to a radical Congressman yesterday, who was telling how he would fight President Johnson until he got him to the point where he would be in Tennessee, where he would be in a political fight, and the radicals persisted in making it as long as he could, but the radicals persisted in making it as long as he could, but the radicals persisted in making it as long as he could, and some experiment of this kind would operate very much more. 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